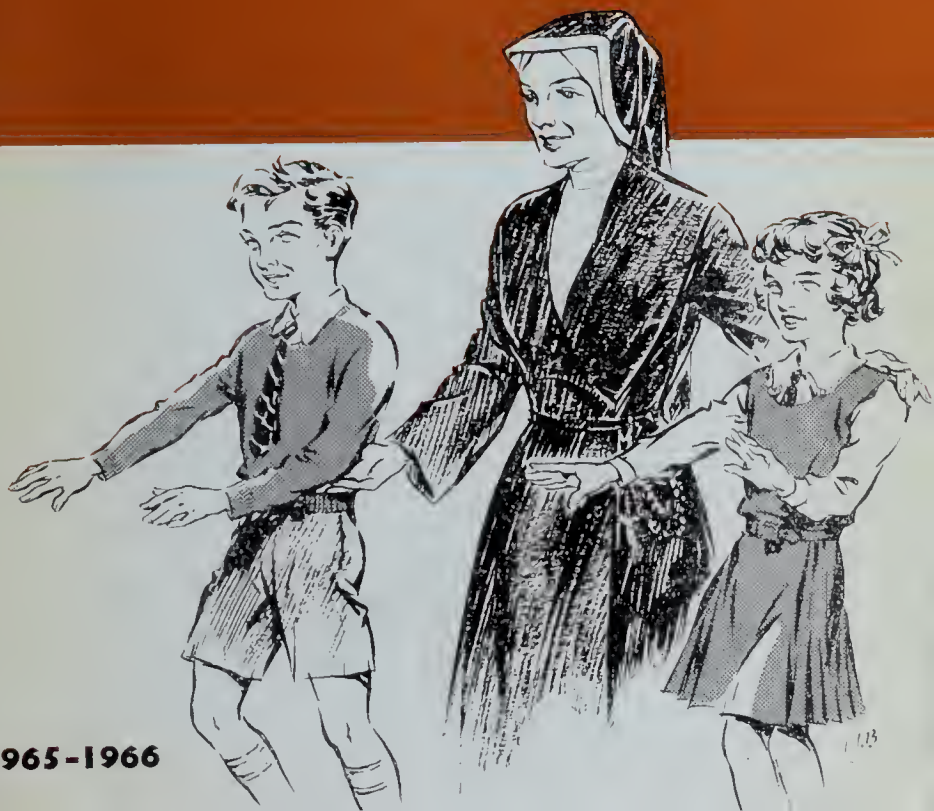


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE
AND ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL
FOR THE BLIND AND
PARTIALLY SIGHTED



1965-1966

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(FOUNDED 1841)

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Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
1965 - 1966

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER
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<i>Superior of Institute</i>	Sister Catherine Dineen, 59 Brunswick Road, Liverpool 6. Tel.: ANField 6489
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<i>Chaplains</i>	The Institute: St. Francis Xavier's. St. Vincent's School: The Rev. A. Bullen.
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<i>Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon</i>	Dr. R. A. Reid, M.A., M.B., CH.B., DO.
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<i>Consultant Psychologist</i>	Sister Beatrice, S.N.D., M.A.
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CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE

TECHNICAL STAFF :

Sister Cecilia	Home Teacher for the Blind.
Laurence Doyle	..	..	Qualified Teacher, Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind—Foreman of Mat Department
Sydney Wilson, L.R.A.M.	..	..	Pianoforte.
Sister Philomena, R.N.M.D., M.B.CH.A.	..	..	Infirmarian.

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

SCHOOL STAFF :

HEADMISTRESS	..	..	Sister Aloysius; Qualified Teacher, Hons. Diploma of College of Teachers of the Blind; Manchester University Diploma, Teachers of the Deaf.
DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS	..	..	Sister Clare; Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind; Educational Counsellor for Grammar School Children.

BLIND DEPARTMENT:

Mr. G. Spears	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Seniors)
Miss A. Burns	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Seniors)
Mrs. M. Pope	..	..	Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind (Juniors)
Mrs. E. Blackburne	..	..	Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma of College of Teachers of the Blind (Juniors)
Miss P. Sinnott	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Infants)

PARTIALLY-SIGHTED DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. M. Molyneux	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Seniors)
Mr. W. Shannon	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Juniors)
Sister Magdalen	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Juniors)
Miss C. Ward	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Infants)
Mr. L. Allen	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Art & Craft) Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind
Miss S. Stalford	..	..	Qualified Teacher (Physical Education)
Miss S. Connor, LL.C.M.	..	..	Teacher of Pianoforte
Mrs. R. Evans, L.R.A.M.	..	..	Teacher of Singing and Musical Appreciation
Mrs. D. Wilson, City and Guilds Diploma	..	..	Teacher of Housecraft
Sister Aidan, B.A.	..	..	School Librarian
Sister Louise, R.N.M.D.	..	..	School Nurse
Mrs. R. Lambton	..	..	School Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 1965-66.

RESIDENTS AND PUPILS

The Institute now accommodates 21 men and 62 women residents, while hostel accommodation is being provided for 4 others.

At St. Vincent's School there are 121 children, 42 blind boys and 24 girls; 29 partially sighted boys and 26 girls.

THE VERY REV. PROVOST J. BENNETT

On the 25th June, 1965, when Monsignor Bennett died in his seventy-third year, the Committee, Sisters, residents and children lost their true guide, philosopher and friend of the last twenty-one years. He became Chairman in 1944, in succession to The Rev. J. Dukes, and guided the Institute and particularly the School through perhaps what has been the most important period of development in blind education and welfare. Although his main work was as administrator of the Liverpool Catholic Childrens Protection Society, there was hardly an organisation helping handicapped or deprived children in the Archdiocese of Liverpool of which he was not Chairman or with which he was not intimately connected. This gave him the widest experience in helping and shaping anew the policy of these many bodies, while his deepfelt charity for the children under their care, his unfailing patience even when his most dear schemes came to naught, and his wise counselling will be greatly missed not only by the Institute and School but by all those organisations to whom he meant so much. May he rest in peace.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1965

This was held at the School on the 7th July, when we welcomed Bishop Holland of Salford, who took the chair.

The Report and Accounts were duly approved and the members of the Committee were re-elected. The Bishop gave great joy to the children with his warm friendliness, and particularly those from his own Diocese.

VISIT TO DENMARK AND SWEDEN

In May 1965, the Committee arranged for a visit by the Sister Superior of the Institute and the Headmistress and Deputy Headmistress to visit Blind Institutions in Denmark and Sweden. They report as follows:—

“ On 15th May we flew from Manchester to Copenhagen. There we saw something of the city and visited Elsinore, before starting our work.

We then travelled across Zealand, through the lovely beech woods, to the State Institute for the Blind and Partially Sighted at Kalundborg, where we received a kind welcome from the Headmaster, Mr. Pedersen. This school is almost on the shores of the Sound, only separated from the sea by the road. As well as the school, there is a unit for blind children with other handicaps and homes for elderly blind men and women. An itinerant teaching service is operated from here to serve the children—mostly partially sighted—who are attending schools for sighted children, and to visit the homes of pre-school children. The swimming pool, sea and rowing provide the most popular facility for sport.

Next we visited the Institution for the Blind in Copenhagen. There is a senior school and training centre comparable to the Royal Normal College, teaching commercial subjects and music. It has a very fine, modern eye clinic, where Doctor Skydsgaard showed us some of his slide records of eye diseases. This clinic serves the pupils of Copenhagen and Kalundborg as well as the blind and partially sighted of Copenhagen and district. We were very impressed by the Low Visual Aids, both minocular and binocular, which we saw there. The teachers in Kalundborg and Copenhagen are, like ourselves, experimenting with the abacus.

We then visited the Printing House where we were very interested in a Thermoform duplicator. This differs from the model used in Britain and Stockholm in that it prints single sheets, the size of large Braille paper, and appears to be simpler to operate. It is also used to make cases for the tape-books which are produced here.

A visit to the new Institute for the Adult Blind, where accommodation is provided for married people as well as flats for individuals, finished a very full day.

That evening we crossed to Malmö in Sweden and then went on to Lund.

The Institution at Lund comprises a school for blind and partially-sighted children with other handicaps, sheltered workshops for adult blind and an infirmary for those confined to bed. The school department is, however, moving in the Autumn to new

premises at Orebro, near Stockholm. We saw a very good reading aid in this school with built-in illumination and big enough for a child to work under and admired some beautiful weaving which the women were doing.

The next day we travelled north to Vaxjo to visit the Vocational Training Centre for Blind and Partially-Sighted Adults, a very active centre. The pupils, who include newly-blinded adults as well as adolescents, learn weaving, typing or telephony for future employment and all are trained in mobility, using the Long Cane, and social skills. Training is also given in Housecraft so that the centre serves as a re-habilitation centre. We were able to spend a few hours in the evening seeing something of this beautiful little town, famous for its glass-ware and its Cathedral.

On 21st May we travelled to Stockholm where the teachers from the school at Tomtebodav gave us lavishly of their time; we were taken on sight-seeing tours of the capital during the weekend and in the evenings, and spent a most enjoyable day at Uppsala where we visited a small home for blind ladies.

When we visited the school we were particularly interested in the handicrafts and mobility training. We saw some junior boys doing some highly-commendable work in wood sculpture. At this school the Hoover Long-Cane technique has been adopted. The teacher who is responsible for the training was herself trained in America, going blindfold for the period of her training so that she could thoroughly understand the position of the blind child. The results were very impressive—one girl, who was a typical “immobile” negotiated her way to the local shop along a quite difficult route, which included a dual-carriageway crossing.

The construction mentioned in the December Beacon fascinated us too. This runs the whole length of a main corridor and is a blind child's paradise. A series of shapes in many sizes and varying materials are designed specifically to appeal to the sense of touch—one being constructed from wood, another from metal, another from stone and yet another one from cane. There were rough and smooth surfaces, hard and soft, curved and straight; there were simple shapes, like circles and highly complex ones of twisted cane; some were small enough to get your hands around while others were big enough to stand inside—and it was obvious that was just what the children did do! We could have experienced it longer but were eager to see a class of juniors working with the abacus. Not only did these children demonstrate calculations on the abacus to us, but one boy did his working in English for our benefit!

The next day we were taken to a Holiday Home for Blind Adults at Almasa, 30 miles south of Stockholm on the shores of the Baltic Sea. It was a perfect day and one could not imagine a more beautiful place to spend it. The main building is a country house given to the Association, and a series of flats has been built close to it. These are for one or two people, each pair having its own verandah overlooking the sea and there are also chalets for families. Training courses are organised here and during the summer months it is used for holidays. They have their own swimming pool, deepened in the sea and rowing facilities.

Our last day in Stockholm was spent at the Headquarters of the Swedish Association for the Blind and at the Chemical Technical Factory for the Blind at Blifa. This factory is operated by blind workers and manufactures liquid soaps and floor wax, which find ready sale on the open market. It is also a centre for the brush-making industry. Most of the brushes are produced by homeworkers. The raw materials are distributed by the factory and the finished goods are returned there for marketing. The system is economic since workers concentrate on one type of brush; we saw every possible kind from the smallest bottle-brush to the massive brooms used for railway platforms. There is another factory attached to the chemical factory where weaving and light crafts of a very high standard are done; these also find a market through the organisation. The workers in the factory are not subsidised and the only concession the homeworkers receive is the free carriage of the raw materials. We were impressed by the standard of the work done at Blifa and by the obvious efficiency and independence of the workers.

We returned along the Gota Canal, which gave us the opportunity to see something of the beautiful Swedish countryside—the lakes and forests and old towns—before we reached the busy city of Gothenburg and from there by air to Copenhagen and Manchester.

We shall always remember the many friends we made in Scandinavia, their hospitality and the generous giving to us of so much of their time.

A happy postscript is the news that two of our young hosts who met for the first time while entertaining us, are shortly to be married.

A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Recently, the most senior of our boys attending the sighted Grammar School, Vincent Sherlock, was invited to join the pilgrimage to Italy for the blind, organised by Father Paul Bidone and sponsored by the Pupils of Holy Cross Convent School. Vincent's account, which follows, shows how much the blind can gain in knowledge and interest from such an experience.

" We flew first to Milan and from there went to Pavia, our destination. During the next two days we saw all the sights of Pavia and then journeyed to Rome, stopping en route to see some of the wonders of Florence.

In Rome we stayed at an hotel run by Spanish Sisters especially for pilgrims, and visited all the great churches and places of historic interest. Father Bidone and Father Casey—two of the priests who accompanied us—acted as guides and helped us to gain the maximum possible benefit from the trip. We visited the Church of the Holy Cross where we saw relics of the Passion of Christ and said the customary prayers while ascending the Holy steps and also visited such notable churches as St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and, most important of all, St. Peter's where we saw the tombs of Popes and prayed especially at the tomb of Pope John.



Vincent Sherlock, bedraggled after the rainstorm but happy in heart, being received by the Holy Father.

We had the privilege of a Papal Audience—Pope Paul was at his summer residence. By the time we reached the enormous audience hall at Castel Gandolfo we were in a far less presentable state than when we left the convent—it had rained all the way from the station and we were soaked! Though the hall itself was filled to capacity, a space was reserved for us at the very steps of the papal platform (a

demonstration of the organisation of Father Bidone, without whose help I should never have been presented to His Holiness). The Pope himself made speeches in Italian, German, Spanish, French and English in which he called for prayers for the Church Council. After the speeches I was surprised to realise that some of the pilgrims were being presented to the Pope and almost before I knew what was happening, I found myself in front of His Holiness, who presented me with a rosary and allowed me to kiss his ring while pronouncing a blessing in English on "Your family and your country". I now recall that moment and am convinced it was the greatest of my life, despite my rain-soaked appearance and the photographic flashbulbs which flashed from every direction as I kissed the ring of His Holiness. I left feeling that whatever else the pilgrimage might bring, it could never again equal what had just passed.

Leaving Rome, we visited Assisi where we saw the large statue of St. Francis, holding in his hand a nest, in which the birds had fearlessly made a real nest. From Assisi we travelled to Padua, pausing at Verona to see the balcony of Romeo and Juliet and visited the botanical gardens and university through which we were guided by an Italian lady who was able, through interpretation, to give us much interesting information. Thence to Bergamo, the home of Pope John, where we were introduced to his brothers, one of whom is blind, and where on our last night we were the guests of the Mayor, who invited us to a splendid meal and accommodation at a luxury hotel, all at their expense.

Such in brief was my Pilgrimage to Rome and the Shrines of Italy—the two most wonderful weeks of my life and an unforgettable experience."

OUR THANKS

To our subscribers and benefactors once again we thank you for your help, and ask again for it as this is needed for the following projects :—

Kitchen and Staff Room alterations at the School	£5,500
New Swimming Bath for the children	£5,600
A new Institute for the residents	£350,000

I. CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE

In last year's Report we referred to the increasing need for further accommodation for the very frail and the structural difficulties in providing it. As the result of further consideration it has been found possible by some internal re-organisation to incorporate another large area into the Sick Bay with the resulting net increase of 9 beds for this category of resident at the modest cost of £1,600. It was only a matter of weeks before all 17 beds were occupied. With the many Welfare Services to help the elderly, including the elderly blind, in their own homes, even when they live alone, it is possible to prolong an independent life longer than used to be the case, so that where middle-aged people used to seek accommodation with us in the past it is now more and more only those who find that due to increasing frailty and illness it is not possible to continue even with the Welfare Services' help. The immediate availability of medical services is needed, and this is the category of resident for whom we are finding that there is an ever increasing demand for accommodation. This clearly gives the pattern to the increased accommodation that we shall have to provide in the new Institute for the very frail needing medical care as opposed to the more active and ambulant ones.

As the result of further minor re-organisation of available accommodation, and of the energetic work of Sister Superior, additional general beds have been made available and the Committee are pleased to report that all available mens' beds totalling 23 are occupied and 17 out of the 18 beds in the Women's Sick Bay, while in the remainder of the house there are 43 beds in use by our more mobile women residents, and 4 are being used to give hostel accommodation for younger people who are working out and have not yet been able to find a more permanent home. This represents a total of 87 beds and is a considerable increase over past experience but more practical use of existing space has helped to make this possible without any over-crowding.

Some of our residents on a garden visit.



CITY PLANNING

The Committee was informed during the year that by 1970 road development will require a considerable part of the Institute's frontage. As a result, consultations with the City Officials were held and it is hoped that it may be possible to dispose of the whole of the old Institute and, at the same time, receive some help from the City by loan or otherwise in the provision of a new Institute on the land already owned by the Committee at West Derby, adjoining St. Vincent's School.



One of the residents brailleing a dictated message.

DEAF BLIND RESIDENTS

Over the past few years the number of Deaf Blind Residents at the Institute has increased. These can be divided into three categories viz : Deaf without speech, Deaf with speech and Hard of hearing.

We have only two Deaf without speech, both in the younger age group and both with a little useful vision but likely to go blind. These two residents were educated at schools for the deaf and go out several times a week to attend the Deaf Club. They are both very active and good at handcraft, fitting in well with the other Residents and making use of their sight to help their friends as much as possible, using the deaf blind manual to communicate.



One of the residents, Miss I. Carpenter, reading at the Manchester Braille Reading Competitions, where she won the Kostoris Cup.

The four Deaf Blind with speech, mix well with the other Blind, who keep them informed of the latest news telling them when it is meal time etc. There are also some twelve Residents with varying degrees of hearing powers. They nearly all attend the diversionary occupation class, except the very old or non-ambulant, but even these like to wind wool or knit.

The method of communication differs considerably with each Resident, some using the Deaf Blind Manual, some the block capital system, whilst with others a combination of various methods has to be specially evolved, since those who lose their sight and hearing late in life may well be unable to use the conventional means of communication.

The Sisters are deeply grateful to the wonderful voluntary helpers who come so regularly to talk to these Residents. Many of them are teenagers and their kindness, gentleness and understanding proves that the present day young people are capable of great self-sacrifice and charity.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		EXPENDITURE			
		Institute		School	
		1966	1965	1966	1965
To Salaries and Wages :—		£376	£830	£21,481	£18,537
Teachers—Contributory Service		—	—	400	604
Non-Contributory Service					
Housekeepers, Cooks, Kitchen Staff,		7,493	5,881	10,464	9,389
Seamstresses, Nurses and Children's Attendants		1,673	1,581	1,684	1,114
Caretakers, Cleaners and Stoker		350	200	2,051	1,169
Administrative and Clerical Staff		1,965	1,920	2,809	2,905
Household Expenses		1,188	1,478	1,768	1,426
National Insurance		—	50	1,339	1,126
Superannuation Contributions		2,389	1,956	6,924	5,339
Property Repairs and Maintenance		4,420	4,028	5,483	5,164
Fuel, Light, Water and Cleaning Materials		325	302	472	363
Rates		—	—	1,712	1,614
School Equipment and Materials		167	300	60	138
Drugs and Medical Requisites		8,750	9,373	8,728	8,766
Food		171	1,085	586	490
Motor Expenses		401	681	550	572
Holiday Fares and Escorts		284	156	339	129
Printing, Postages, Stationery and Advertising		229	202	268	259
Telephones		390	441	385	300
Insurances		345	300	591	364
Chapel		179	179	342	434
Medical Fees		286	665	1,286	830
Clothing and Footwear		3,243	2,635	34	24
Pocket Money		315	315	315	315
Accountancy and Audit		393	179	347	298
Sundry Expenses		—	—	5,029	5,152
Farm and Garden		5,124	10,931	—	—
Workshops :—Foremen and Workers' Wages		9,749	8,708	—	—
Purchases					
		50,205	51,379	75,447	67,142
„ BALANCE, Excess of Income over Expenditure ..		—	—	1,587	3,921
		<u>£50,205</u>	<u>£54,379</u>	<u>£77,034</u>	<u>£71,063</u>

To Excess of Institute Expenditure allocated					
against Voluntary Income				977	5,331
„ Proportion of Voluntary Income allocated to					
Private Pupils at St. Vincent's School				513	566
„ Amount transferred to School Building Fund				—	9,000
„ New Paths at St. Vincent's School				715	—
„ Visit to Sweden, less grant received				441	—
„ BALANCE transferred to Balance Sheet				11,207	165
				<u>£13,853</u>	<u>£15,062</u>

BALANCE SHEET

1965		CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Balance :—					
£140,460	Balance at 31st March, 1965				£143,757
—	Add : Transfer from School Extension Fund				30,775
3,132	Legacies during 1965/66				7,779
165	Excess of Income 1965/66				11,207
143,757					193,518
Department of Education and Science Grants :—					
4,000	1957 Additional Wing			4,000	
28,116	1963 School Extension—Building			31,992	
1,600	Furnishings			1,600	
2,000	1964 Fire Doors and Screens			2,000	
—	1966 Kitchen and Staff Room			1,219	
30,775	School Extension Fund				40,811
—	Swimming Pool Fund				100
Current Liabilities :—					
14,533	Sundry Trade Creditors			8,029	
2,285	Superannuation 1965/66			2,646	
5,166	Fees in Advance			5,688	
532	Amount in Hand for Emergent Countries			357	
					16,720
£232,764					<u>£251,149</u>

for the year ended 31st March, 1966

INCOME

	Institute		School	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
By Government Departments and Local Authorities :—				
Children's Education and Maintenance	—	—	£69,226	£62,758
Maintenance of Blind Persons	£16,701	£15,964	—	—
Old Age Pensions and National Insurance	14,898	11,848	—	—
„ Ministry of Education Grant in respect of				
Superannuation Contributions	—	24	546	511
„ Ministry of Agriculture Rebates	—	—	20	79
„ Private Pupils and Boarders	—	—	710	1,391
„ Sundry Receipts and Refunds	—	100	1,156	1,038
„ Farm and Garden Sales and Supplies to				
School and Institute	—	—	5,376	5,286
„ Workshops :—				
Augmentation of Wages	3,436	7,663	—	—
Sales	14,193	13,449	—	—
	49,228	49,048	77,034	71,063
„ BALANCE, Excess of Expenditure over Income ..	977	5,331	—	—

£50,205 £54,379 £77,034 £71,063

By Voluntary Income :	Annual Subscriptions and Tax Refunds on Covenants	1,796	1,175
	Investment Income	2,920	2,149
	Rents from Properties	1,115	1,119
	R.N.I.B. and Liverpool Workshops	1,129	1,094
	Donations, less Cost of Appeals	5,306	5,604
		12,266	11,141
„ Excess of School Income over Expenditure for the year	.. ..	1,587	3,921
		£13,853	£15,062

31st March, 1966

ASSETS

1966	1965		
£15,800		Freehold Property :—	£15,800
51,194		53/61 Brunswick Road	51,194
800		School Buildings and Land	800
		Belmont Drive	
67,794			67,794
10,242		Additions at Cost :—	
66,569		1957 Additional Wing	10,242
3,796		1963 School Extension—Buildings & Furnishings	66,569
—		1964 Fire Doors and Screens	3,796
		1966 Kitchen and Staff Room—cost to date	1,625
			82,232
148,401			150,026
39,466		Investments at Cost	78,698
6,420		Stock on Hand	4,814
8,755		Sundry Debtors	9,671
13,932		Cash on Deposit	2,200
15,790		Cash at Bank and Cash in Hand	5,740

£232,764

£251,149

Partially Signed, for the year ended 31st March, 1966, and certify the above Balance Sheet to be correct.
BRESNAN, WALSH & CO. Chartered Accountants.

1. PLAYING FIELDS AND GAME X PITCH.
2. INFANT'S UNIT AND CLASSROOMS.
3. GIRLS' WING.

4. DINING ROOM.

5. CHAPEL.

6. SENIOR GIRLS' UNIT & CLASSROOMS (NEW



7. BOYS' WING AND CLASSROOMS.
8. PRACTICAL BLOCK (NEW).
9. GYMNASIUM (NEW).

10. FARMHOUSE.
11. FARMLAND OF APPROXIMATELY 38 ACRES.



TRIP TO LOURDES

We must offer thanks to the Knights of Malta for taking one of our blind men residents to Lourdes in March. It was his first visit and his first trip by plane? We think he will never stop talking about it?

Our thanks are also due to the Junior Legionaries, who pay our residents such frequent friendly visits and take them out shopping and to other activities. Students from the Josephine Butler Moral Welfare College have also been visiting and return for friendship visits at their free week-ends. These outside contacts are an ever-increasing benefit in widening the interests of our elderly residents.

II. ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

School Numbers

Year	BLIND:			PARTIALLY SIGHTED:			
	Boys	Girls	Blind	Boys	Girls	Total	Total
1953	22	24	46	13	16	29	75
1954	16	22	38	22	18	40	78
1955	22	29	51	28	19	47	98
1956	22	25	47	32	23	55	102
1957	26	23	49	39	22	61	110
1958	27	27	54	39	25	64	118
1959	32	26	58	38	25	63	121
1960	35	25	60	38	27	65	125
1961	39	22	61	36	24	60	121
1962	39	25	64	35	22	47	121
1963	37	21	58	37	26	53	121
1964	34	21	55	37	29	66	121
1965	37	20	57	36	31	67	124
1966	42	24	66	29	26	55	121

SCHOOLS NEWS

Grammar School

For the fifth year we are reporting on the progress of this scheme. There are now six pupils studying at the Grammar Schools for sighted children—four boys and two girls. The first student to attend the Cardinal Allen Grammar School will be taking four subjects at 'A' level this summer, and has been offered a place at Liverpool University, conditional on the results of these examinations. He hopes to study Social subjects. The others continue to do well, and have all kept a high place in their classes. One girl has added Russian to her



Happy episodes when His Lordship, Bishop Holland of Salford, presided at the Annual General Meeting.

curriculum. All take part in the extra-curricular activities of their school—cross-country running, music and religious societies. We are deeply grateful to our transcribers who continue to keep the children supplied with books—especially to the men at Walton prison.

Consecration of Bishop Harris

A number of the Sisters and all the children attending the sighted Grammar Schools were present at the Consecration in February. The Bishop has a special link with the latter in that he helped so much the Sisters attending Walton Prison to instruct the prisoners in their great work of transcribing many of the books for the Grammar School children, he then being the Chaplain there. The children were given additional joy when the Cardinal stopped his procession down the main aisle to give them his blessing and a few words of encouragement.

Swimming

The number of children now able to swim has increased rapidly. This will facilitate taking part in open competitions, as will also the construction of a new swimming pool which it is hoped to start during the coming year. This is a sport in which the blind can compete equally with the sighted, and is a great form of recreation for them.





[Blind and partially-sighted children enjoying the new tandem bicycles.

The Tandems

The construction of a flagged path round the whole perimeter of the playing field primarily enabled the children to take a walk of some considerable length to help in their mobility training, but gave rise to a further idea. Five tandem bicycles have been acquired and, as you will see from the pictures, this new sport has been taken up with enthusiasm, a partially-sighted child and blind child working the machine in co-operation.

Certificate of Secondary Education

For the first time this year we have entered pupils for the Certificate of Secondary Education—the new nationally recognised examination for Secondary Modern School pupils. Eight children have taken from one to six subjects each, from the following list: English Language; English Literature; Government and Citizenship; Typewriting; History; Music; Spanish and Religious Knowledge.

The senior pupils have shown a great interest in their work for this examination, and we hope to develop the Senior School course along these lines in the future.

Youth Club

The Youth Club is now so firmly established that few of the Seniors have experienced school life without it. All agree that the Club is a great success, and each term begins with speculation as to what new activities will be started, and what old favourites will be continued. The highlight of the year was the Fancy Dress Dance. Hours of hard work, skill and imagination went into the preparation of costumes, and devious methods were employed to maintain the strictest secrecy, so that all could gain the fullest enjoyment from the freshness of the Grand Parade.

The Club's newest activity is Scouting. Already the rudiments of tying knots, building bamboo bridges, lighting fires and eating burnt food are being learned. Camping equipment is being bought and arrangements are in hand for our first overnight "camping out." Quite an adventure for a blind boy!

School Leavers

Kathryn Harrington to Broughton Hall High School for Girls.

John Cunning, Francis Saunders, Michael and Stephen Degan to Exhall Grange Grammar School for Partially-Sighted Children, Coventry.

John Pocius, Daniel Doyle, John Arnold to Queen Alexandra College for Light Engineering, Harborne, Birmingham.

Pauline McVeigh transferred to normal school.

Teresa Edwards and Maria Wallis to train as telephonist-typists.

Desmond McGinnity to work as a photographic materials salesman.

Robert Cannon, Paul Gregg, Leslie Murphy, James Harkin to work in open industry.

School Houses

The following awards were made:

The Inter-house Conduct Cup to Marillac House.

The House Shield for Studies to Marillac House.

The House Shield for Sports to De Paul House.



School Visits

During the year the pupils have made the following visits:

The Senior Classes attended a performance of "The Tempest" at Christ's College and two orchestral concerts at the Philharmonic Hall.

The Junior and Senior Departments went to see the film "Sound of Music."

The children, Staff and Sisters were invited to the Founder's Day Party at Henshaws School for the Blind, Manchester.

The Senior girls visited the Liverpool Magistrates Court and attended a meeting of the Liverpool City Council.

A party of the Junior blind visited the Liverpool Fire Brigade Headquarters and a Partially-sighted Junior group visited Chester to see the Roman Wall, and other historical sites.

Great interest was taken in a visit to the Territorial Army Barracks at Warrington where the Officers and men showed a group of our boys round the museum, guns and equipment and afterwards provided tea.

Teaching Staff

Mr. M. Fraser who had been a member of the School Staff for eleven years left at Christmas to take up a post at Bootle Technical College, and was replaced by Mr. W. Shannon.

Sister Catherine left us last October to take the Diploma Course of Teachers of the Blind at Birmingham University, and was replaced for the year by Miss A. Burns.

Teacher Training

Sister Elizabeth Chikombo from Zambia came to us in December to take a course in training as Teacher of the Blind. During her stay she has visited all the different Schools for the Blind throughout Britain and after obtaining her Overseas Certificate, Sister hopes to return to Zambia in September to resume teaching in her own country.

Two overseas students—Miss Alkamiss from Kuwait and Mr. Kioko from Kenya—also spent some time with us in the course of their training and study.

Mrs. Rosalind Lim—one of our overseas students who left us last year—writes frequently of her work in Singapore. She has adapted many items of equipment to incorporate ideas found whilst studying at St. Vincent's. We were pleased to hear that she has been nominated by Singapore Association of the Blind for a Scholarship to the Leadership Course at the Conference of the Blind in Boston, U.S.A., in 1967.

Mrs. Griffiths from Merrion School, Dublin, and Miss Lee from Birmingham University, spent a period of teaching practice here during the Summer Term.



Mrs. Lim (a former trainee teacher from Singapore) with her blind and partially-sighted children, using methods and techniques learned at St. Vincent's.

Manchester Braille Reading Competition

At this year's Competition open to the Northern Blind Schools, St. Vincent's pupils obtained the following awards :

First Prize for the best reader between the ages of 9 and 12 years to David Lenehan.

Second prize for the best reader between the ages of 13 and 16 years to Hilary Leacock.

Music Examinations

Pianoforte Examination, Royal College of Music.
July 1965.

Grade II David Lenehan—Credit

Grade IV Barbara Dunsford—Credit

Grade IV Christopher Sherlock—Pass

Grade V Bronagh McCloskey—Distinction

Grade V Hilary Leacock—Pass



Blind and Partially-sighted infants in their classroom at their first lessons.



The Senior Girls do a course of domestic science in their final year, which includes training in both gas and electric cookery.

Visitors

In May we had the final visit from Miss Deavin as Chief Inspector of Blind Schools. We were very glad to see her, but the occasion was a sad one, this being her last visit in her official capacity. Her counsel, guidance and friendly understanding during the recent formative years of the School have been of inestimable value to both Committee and Headmistress, and the present high level of the standard of education is in no small measure due to this. We wish her many happy years of retirement.

During the year we were also happy to welcome, among many others:

Mrs. Arndt and her daughter from School for the Blind, Vaxjo, and a teacher from the Tomtebodas Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr. and Mrs. Tander from New Delhi, India.

Mr. Tuson who represents our group of benefactors in London.



Senior Girls roller-skating in the Gym., helped with their direction finding by four amplifiers set in each corner.

Students from Chester, Mount Pleasant, Edge Hill, York Colleges, also Liverpool College of Commerce and Institute of Education.

Mr. Pickles, Worcester College for the Blind and Director of the Nuffield Research Project on Mathematics, with Miss Banner and Miss Pitman from Lickey Grange School.

Ten doctors from Liverpool taking their D.PH. Diploma.

Brother Vial Van from Vietnam.

The Staff and children from Henshaws School for the Blind.

Our Special Thanks to :—

The Liverpool Education Committee for their kind permission to use the Harold Davies Baths, Huyton.

Dr. M. Strobe and Members of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust for arranging to take four children on the pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter.

Mr. Tuson and his friends in London for their continued generosity in sending Perkins braillers for the children.

Blackmoor Drive and Newsham Park Evening Institutes for Christmas Party.

Bedford Social Club for Christmas Party and Easter eggs.

The League of Welldoers for Christmas toys.

The Salutation Club, Walton, for gifts of chocolate at Christmas and Easter eggs.

Mr. F. Molyneux for a beautiful Christmas tree.

The Staff of the Stamping Section, G.P.O. for a miniature post-box packed with sweets and chocolates.

B.I.C.C. St. Helens for the lovely toys at Christmas.

Mr. Evans and friends for the greatly enjoyed annual outing to New Brighton.

Kraft Foods Staff for a lovely outing to Southport and donation to the Infant School of a tape-recorder and tapes, record player and a Perkins Brailier.

Liverpool and District Wholesale Fruit and Potato Trades Association for gifts of fruit vegetables and Harvest Bread at Harvest Thanksgiving.

Mr. Leslie Taylor for his continued kindness and generosity to our children.

Butlers Catering Services Ltd. of Halebank for the refreshments at our Annual General Meeting.

ADULT RESIDENTS AND TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

Women	Authority
Miss H. Berry ..	Liverpool
Miss C. Banner ..	Liverpool
Mrs. A. Blauel ..	Liverpool
Miss E. Boardman ..	St. Helens
Miss L. Byrne ..	Birkenhead
Miss W. Bamber ..	Liverpool
Mrs. R. Carr ..	Liverpool
Miss I. Carpenter ..	Burnley
Miss L. Chandler ..	Liverpool
Mrs. E. Cleiry ..	Liverpool
Miss I. Clein ..	Wandsworth
Miss E. Coil ..	Kensington
Miss P. Connaughton ..	Derby
Miss C. Crilly ..	Liverpool
Miss C. Currell ..	Eastham
Mrs. M. Donovan ..	Private
Mrs. E. Fagan ..	Liverpool
Miss E. Foy ..	Liverpool
Miss D. Gartlon ..	St. Helens
Mrs. E. Garner ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Gurrell ..	Liverpool
Miss A. Grace ..	Private
Mrs. C. Hames	Liverpool
Miss M. Hughes	Chester
Miss M. Hutchinson ..	Endfield
Miss E. Hore ..	Liverpool
Mrs. A. Harrison ..	Liverpool
Miss C. Heeney ..	Liverpool
Miss L. James ..	Liverpool
Mrs. A. Jones ..	Liverpool
Mrs. M. A. King ..	Liverpool
Mrs. V. Laorden ..	Liverpool
Miss E. Macklen ..	Merton
Miss A. Melia ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Mills ..	Lambeth
Miss M. Murphy ..	Halifax
Miss A. Mulford ..	Reading
Miss L. McGuire ..	Liverpool
Miss M. McKeown ..	Liverpool
Miss A. McLoughlin ..	St. Helens
Mrs. R. O Donnell ..	St. Helens
Miss A. O Neill ..	Northumberland
Miss A. O Rourke ..	Manchester
Mrs. J. Prichard ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Ryan ..	Manchester
Miss C. Ryland ..	Ayrshire
Mrs. C. Sheddou ..	Wallasey
Miss D. Shaddick ..	Exeter

Women	Authority
Miss M. Sharpe ..	Chester
Mrs. K. Skibinski ..	Manchester
Miss M. Smith ..	Liverpool
Mrs. B. Standing ..	Liverpool
Miss I. Snowdon ..	Durham
Miss M. Thompson ..	Wakefield
Mrs. A. Taylor ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Wadsworth ..	Burnley
Miss E. Watrous ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Wayne ..	Private
Miss O. White ..	Private
Mrs. E. Walker ..	St. Helens
Mrs. E. Webster ..	Liverpool
Miss M. Whittaker ..	St. Helens

Men	Authority
Mr. J. Alston ..	Wallasey
Mr. J. Bates ..	Liverpool
Mr. J. Biggs ..	Chester
Mr. A. Carr ..	Manchester
Mr. T. Evans ..	Liverpool
Mr. J. Fergus ..	Liverpool
Mr. R. Frodsham ..	Lancs. County
Mr. L. Gray ..	Bucks.
Mr. A. Greenwood ..	Wallasey
Mr. M. Hogan ..	Hillingdon
Mr. M. Kirby ..	St. Helens
Mr. T. McDermott ..	Blackburn
Mr. J. McGowan ..	St. Helens
Mr. J. McNicholas ..	Liverpool
Mr. C. McSharry ..	Liverpool
Mr. G. Neill ..	Liverpool
Mr. W. Pilkington	St. Helens
Mr. W. Ratcliffe ..	Blackburn
Mr. M. Ward ..	Westminster
Mr. J. Warburton ..	North Shields
Mr. J. Yates ..	York

Resident Workers
Miss R. Vallance
Miss L. McBride
Mr. G. Savage
Mr. D. Holland

GIRLS IN ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL, WEST DERBY

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Authority</i>
Aliyu, M. . . 13/1/1960	Liverpool	Lavery, T. . . 14/4/1953	Belfast, Co. Down
Angus, P. . . 4/11/1950	Newcastle	Leacock, H. . . 17/3/1952	London C.C.
Baker, M. . . 9/10/1950	Liverpool	Lennon, J. . . 27/12/1957	Liverpool
Bartolo, M. R. . . 7/10/1954	Private (Malta)	Manton, M. . . 19/5/1960	Salford
Besusko, A. . . 8/11/1953	Carlisle	McAuley, K. . . 12/6/1955	Durham
Bolam, F. . . 16/6/1965	Newcastle-on-Tyne	McCloskey, B. . . 8/8/1950	Belfast (Antrim)
Caponis, J. . . 1/6/1956	Rochdale	McHale, C. . . 13/1/1960	Rochdale
Carr, P. . . 4/10/1953	Lancs. C.C.	Moroney, A. . . 14/11/1951	Lancs. C.C.
Christi, M. . . 12/1/1951	Leeds	Nelson, M. A. . . 27/2/1959	Liverpool
Colquitt, M. . . 11/12/1949	Bootle	O'Donnell, C. . . 7/1/1953	Cheshire
Cullis, D. . . 31/12/1951	Lancs. C.C.	Pickup, M. . . 23/4/1950	Birmingham
Cuffe, C. . . 18/9/1954	Ipswich	Reddington, T. . . 5/4/1952	Warwick
Cunliffe, G. . . 7/11/1956	Lancs. C.C.	Reilly, B. . . 28/12/1954	Birkenhead
Duffy, S. . . 6/12/1950	Manchester	Rowe, J. . . 3/9/1952	Gateshead
Dunsford, B. . . 4/5/1950	Birmingham	Simcock, L. . . 21/7/1951	Lancs. C.C.
Fearon, C. . . 21/3/1955	Lancs. C.C.	Smith, A. . . 10/12/1956	Lancs. C.C.
Finnan, A. V. . . 4/2/1952	Preston	Smith, G. . . 10/7/1952	Middlesbrough
Jakob, C. . . 8/10/1958	Stratford, E.15	Smith, L. . . 23/1/1953	Flint
Garbutt, J. . . 16/12/1951	Birmingham	Turner, C. . . 2/11/1954	Essex
Gledhill, P. J. . . 5/4/1954	Lancs. C.C.	Watson, M. . . 15/12/1955	Cheshire
Harrington, K. . . 11/12/1954	L.C.C.	Waugh, K. . . 16/2/1950	Manchester
Hodkinson, J. . . 28/2/1950	Westmorland	Weldon, S. . . 28/6/1958	Sunderland
Johnstone, M. . . 13/9/1953	Northampton	Wolstenholme, C.A. . . 15/5/1959	Lancs. C.C.
Johnstone, V. . . 29/1/1952	Northampton		
Jones, L. . . 13/8/1955	Wallasey		

BOYS IN ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL, WEST DERBY

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Authority</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Authority</i>
Armstrong, A. . . 16/9/1956	Denbighshire	Lawson, J. . . 30/5/1956	Lancs. C.C.
Aspin, J. . . 2/5/1951	Lancs. C.C.	Leech, H. . . 19/5/1952	Bedford
Brady, C. . . 24/2/1951	Middlesex	Lenham, D. . . 27/11/1954	Bradford
Brady, T. . . 24/2/1951	Middlesex	Liversidge, P. . . 19/4/1952	Stockton-on-Tees
Brooks, M. . . 20/9/1952	Durham	Longworth, P. . . 23/5/1960	Lancs. C.C.
Brooks, P. . . 30/11/1953	Durham	Marr, P. . . 10/10/1958	Lancs. C.C.
Brooks, J. . . 11/8/1955	Durham	McAlinden, J.N. . . 5/12/1952	Armagh
Brudenall, S. . . 9/3/1957	Buckinghamshire	Morris, P. . . 7/11/1954	Cheshire
Capaldi, P. . . 22/8/1952	Surrey	Murphy, L. . . 16/12/1950	Bolton
Carey, K. F. . . 11/11/1951	Wakefield	O'Connor, J. . . 25/11/1953	Private
Chaffey, B. . . 14/5/1957	West Hartlepool	Paton, J. . . 12/9/1950	Wilts.
Clark, A. . . 17/8/1958	Durham	Peers, C. . . 20/8/1954	Lancs. C.C.
Clements, M. E. . . 30/4/1958	Warrington	Pickup, T. . . 21/11/1954	Birmingham
Collins, M. A. . . 7/3/1956	Salford	Proctor, A. . . 26/10/1953	Leeds
Coley, J. . . 4/4/1955	Warrington	Proctor, S. . . 14/10/1951	Leeds
Cosgrove, F. . . 1/2/1956	Lancs. C.C.	Reynolds, D. . . 11/11/1952	Sunderland
Crocker, F. . . 17/7/1952	Lancs. C.C.	Reynolds, L. . . 24/10/1953	Northampton
Dempsey, S. . . 17/6/1951	Wakefield	Reynolds, L. . . 19/7/1955	Northampton
Doyle, D. . . 28/7/1949	Birkenhead	Richardson, J. . . 3/10/1950	Lancs. C.C.
Duggan, P. . . 15/5/1957	Bootle	Rodaway, P. . . 13/4/1959	Liverpool
Dysart, R. . . 3/10/1953	Blackburn	Rogers, M. . . 26/7/1957	Nottingham
Elwell, P. . . 10/6/1950	Shrewsbury	Ryan, M. . . 28/1/1951	Lancs. C.C.
Evans, C. . . 2/7/1959	Denbighshire	Salt, W. . . 16/7/1947	Stockport
Everatt, M. . . 2/9/1958	Beverley, Yorks.	Scanlan, M. . . 12/6/1955	Jersey
Fetton, E. . . 28/4/1955	Cheshire	Scanlan, P. . . 22/8/1956	Jersey
Feverier, N. . . 17/5/1957	Leicester	Scott, T. . . 11/4/1958	Stockton-on-Tees
Fuller, M. . . 2/4/1950	Liverpool	Senior, J. . . 12/8/1952	Bootle
Garbutt, J. . . 4/8/1953	Durham	Sherlock, C. . . 27/10/1951	Wallasey
Glassey, T. . . 8/9/1953	Isle of Man	Sherlock, V. . . 31/3/1947	Wallasey
Grasby, D. . . 20/3/1956	Lancs. C.C.	Sherlock, T. M. . . 9/7/1958	Wallasey
Harbron, C. . . 13/10/1953	Durham	Smith, J. . . 23/1/1953	Flint
Hardacre, D. . . 5/11/1951	Lancs. C.C.	Synnott, R. . . 28/12/1955	Anglesey
Harrison, P. . . 28/4/1951	Bolton	Theobald, N. . . 27/2/1951	Lancs. C.C.
Hart, T. . . 5/4/1951	Liverpool	Thynne, A. . . 26/4/1958	Wallasey
Hegarty, M. . . 24/7/1956	Lincoln	Wilmott, D. . . 29/6/1956	Lancs. C.C.
Hoyle, K. . . 8/7/1954	Lancs. C.C.	Winterbottom, P. . . 2/9/1951	Liverpool

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I.—This Institution is under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, and is called the "CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE AND SCHOOL," its objects being to afford to the Catholic Blind an elementary education and instruction in those branches of industry which shall be found suitable to each inmate's capacity, and to bring them up in the principles of their religion.

The income and property of the Institute whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Institute according to the Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Institute or any one of them. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable remuneration to any member of the Institute in return for services actually rendered to the Institute.

II.—The property of the Institution shall be vested in Trustees, and the formation of the Rules and the Government of the Institution shall be confined to a Committee, consisting of a President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and not more than twelve or less than six others, two at least of whom shall be clergy, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Subscribers.

III.—All Subscribers of 10s. and upwards shall be entitled to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

IV.—A meeting of the Subscribers shall be held once a year to consider the Report and Accounts of the previous year, and to appoint the Officers, but the Committee shall have power to fill up all casual vacancies.

V.—The Committee shall hold Monthly Meetings to transact the ordinary business of the Institution, and the Chairman shall be empowered to call Special Meetings as often as he may deem it necessary.

VI.—All applications for admission shall be laid before the Committee, who shall admit or reject such applications at their discretion.

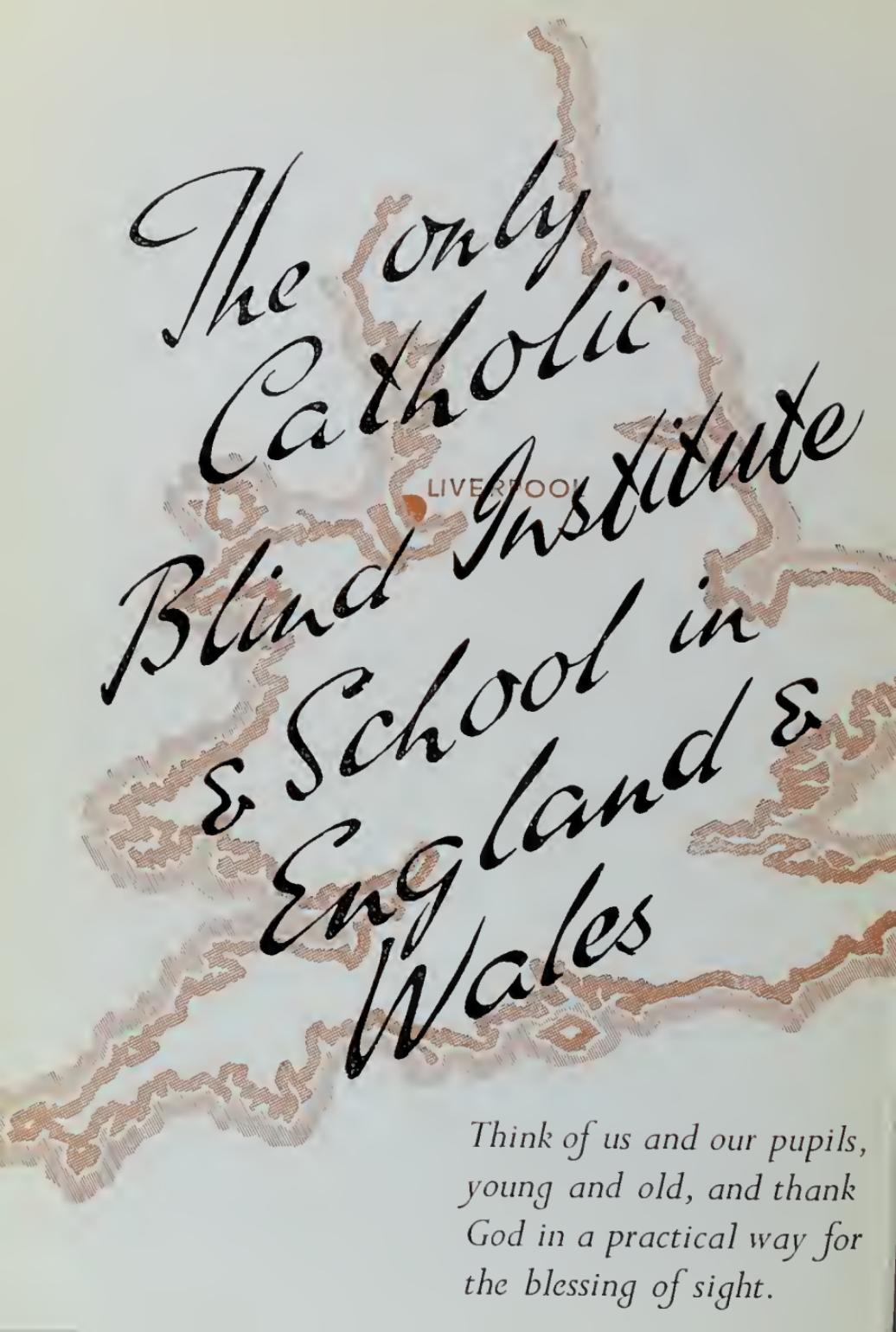
VII.—Applicants must produce a testimonial of good moral character, as also a certificate of health, signed by a medical gentleman, and a certificate of baptism.

VIII.—Every applicant must have a sufficient guarantee or the payment of the pension required, and must be provided with a sufficient stock of clothing according to the Regulations of the Committee, unless the Committee shall make a special exemption in any particular case, either as to pension or clothes.

N.B.—Applicants subject to fits are not admissible.

IX.—When an inmate is about to leave the Institute or School, the said inmate shall be removed by his or her friends, at their expense, on receiving notice from the Secretary.

X.—The inmates shall be required, under penalty of dismissal by the Committee, to obey the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.



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Think of us and our pupils,
young and old, and thank
God in a practical way for
the blessing of sight.